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## PORTLAND FIRE

Union Meat Company's Plant Gone.

LOSS OVER \$100,000

Firemen Are Powerless Because of the Intense Heat Thrown Out.

PORK BURNED LIKE GASOLINE

Buildings Saturated With Grease Were an Easy Prey for the Fire King—Heavy Insurance Will Not Cover the Loss.

Portland, Jan. 3.—Fire tonight gutted the immense plant of the Union Meat Company, and the loss will be at least \$100,000, and much more in the event of the destruction of the books of the company, to the saving of which the firemen are at this hour (12:30) bending all their efforts.

The fire was first discovered about 11 o'clock, but it had been gaining considerable headway, and it spread with incredible swiftness. The floors and the woodwork were permeated with grease, and the inflammable pork products caught the flames and burned with an intensity that made the work of the firemen essentially a long distance proposition.

In almost the time it takes to tell it the three-story structure was a mass of flames from end to end, and the immense stock in the storage and manufacturing departments of the big plant were seen to be doomed. Every attempt is being made to save the offices of the company in which are all the books and accounts of the concern, the loss of which will mean a loss of many more thousands of dollars not covered by insurance. At this time it is impossible to say whether this part of the plant can be saved or not.

The origin of the fire is unknown, but it is supposed that it started in the lard rendering department, where one fire under a kettle was not fully extinguished. The company carries heavy insurance, but may lose much money on account of forfeiture on unfilled orders and the loss of time incident to reconstruction.

Later—The plant of the Union Meat Company is completely gutted and is a total loss.

WERE NO WOUNDED.

Report of Arrival with 800 Proves an Error.

Chefoo, Jan. 3.—A dispatch received here from Thingtau dated 4 p. m. today, says a Japanese torpedo boat destroyer entered that port at noon and that there are others outside.

The statement that a transport with 800 wounded soldiers on board had arrived yesterday, is an error due to the fact that no one was allowed on the vessel.

The steamer, which is named the Vina, came from Cochin China with several hundred soldiers on board. It is reported that she belongs to a volunteer fleet intended for running reinforcements into Port Arthur.

Admiral's Plans.

Paris, Jan. 3.—Captain Clado, who was with Rojstvensky's squadron at the time of the Dogger bank affair, in an interview tonight declared Admiral Rojstvensky never intended to approach Port Arthur, but sought to enter Vladivostok, which place it is of the utmost importance to defend.

RUSSIA DETERMINED.

Must Get One Good Whack at the Japanese.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 3.—Telegrams from abroad bringing talk of peace arouse only a little sentiment in official circles here and many liberals are urgently pressing the government for reforms, aroused by the dreadful story of heroism and suffering of the Port Arthur garrison, declaring emphatically

ly against any cessation of hostilities until Russia's honor is vindicated by a victory in Manchuria.

The suggestion that President Roosevelt would be willing to tender the good offices of the American government, in case Russia intimated it would be acceptable, has aroused the most friendly feeling, but from official sources the Associated Press is informed Russia can give no such intimation, and will continue to refuse anything except direct proposals from Japan.

BOILERS EXPLODE.

Nearly All of Tug's Crew Is Killed or Injured.

Huntingdon, Pa., Jan. 3.—The boilers in the big tugboat Defender blew up in the river near here tonight and of a crew of 28 only 10 or 12 were rescued alive and they were injured.

In a very few minutes the big steamer was a mass of flames, the fire spreading to 20 barges in tow. The captain was hurled into the river by the explosion, but was later picked up, not seriously injured.

The victims recovered from the disaster are in such condition that nothing intelligible regarding the occurrence was obtained.

Idaho Frauds.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 3.—An inspector of the department of the interior was ordered to Idaho to investigate the charges made by affidavits as to frauds in Idaho, and he is believed to have already begun his labors. No information on the subject can be obtained from the interior department. Papers in the case, however, have been forwarded to the inspector.

## WOMAN IS MISSING

Mrs. Saylor's Body Has Not Been Found.

WALKED OFF INTO RIVER

Was Attending Dance at Skamokawa and Mysteriously Disappeared—Dredging in River and Dynamite Bring no Result.

Skamokawa, Wash., Jan. 3.—(Special.)—Mrs. M. P. Saylor of Portland, who came here last Saturday in charge of a lot of costumes for Fred G. Wonder to rent for the masquerade ball, is missing. She displayed her costumes in a vacant store room under the hall and about 2 o'clock Sunday morning locked up the store and went up to the hall, leaving her hat, gloves and umbrella in the store. It is known that she danced two or three times and was last seen about 3 o'clock Sunday morning sitting near the store. It is feared that she came down from the ball room in the dark to go to the store to attend to receiving the costumes when they were returned, and that she walked off the dock and was drowned. The town is greatly excited over her disappearance and parties are dredging the creek for her body. Mrs. Saylor is the wife of M. P. Saylor, proprietor of a billiard parlor on the corner of Tenth and Washington streets, in Portland. She was 28 years of age and was married to Mr. Saylor last July. She was about 5 feet 2 1/2 inches tall and weighed about 125 pounds; her hair is light brown and her eyes blue. She wore a heavy black cloth skirt, an embroidered black silk waist, held at the throat with a diamond brooch. She had on a long black silk cloak and wore patent leather shoes. She is thought to have had about \$15 in money in her purse, and had a gold watch and chain and six handsome rings, one of which was a valuable diamond.

FEARFUL DEATH.

Miner Crushed by Cage and Falls on Companions.

Wallace, Idaho, Jan. 3.—While descending in a cage in the Standard mine tonight the cat of G. T. Farley caught in the timbering, drawing him between it and the cage and breaking every bone in his body. When the cage passed the lifeless body was released and fell with great force among other miners occupying the cage. Four of them, were struck and seriously hurt by the falling body.

## NOGI LENIENT

Dealt Easily With Defeated Russian Foes.

OFFICERS 'KEPT ARMS

Japanese Forces Will Retain the Hospital Stores for the Wounded.

SLAV OFFICERS ON PAROLE

Residents and Non-Commissioned Officers and Privates Yet to Be Dealt With—Paris Not Alarmed Over Japanese Victory.

Tokio, Jan. 3.—A telegram from General Nogi giving text of the capitulation convention was received this afternoon. An abstract follows:

Article 1 declares all Russian combatants and officials prisoners.

Article 2 provides for the transfer of all forts, warships and war material to the Japanese.

Article 3. Russians shall evacuate the outlying forts by noon of January 3.

Article 4. Any violation of the previous articles, or wanton destruction of any war material will result in the annulment of the agreement.

Article 5. The Russian authorities agree to furnish the Japanese with a plan of the fortifications, etc., a list of men, lost, all steamers, including warships, and a list of civilians.

Article 6. All ammunition, arms including side and small arms, and all government property and buildings will be left in their present position to be afterwards disposed of.

Article 7. In view of gallant conduct of the defenders, the officers and officials may retain side arms and remove their personal effects, and will also be allowed to sign a written parole pledging that they will not take up arms nor take action contrary to the interest of the Japanese army until the close of the war.

Article 8. Non-commissioned officers and privates will assemble in a place designated by the Japanese to be disposed of later.

Article 9. The Japanese will retain the sanitary corps for the purpose of caring for the sick and wounded prisoners during the existence of the war.

Article 10. The treatment of residents and other details will be provided for in a supplementary compact.

Article 11. The agreement will be in duplicate and go into immediate effect.

NO MEDIATION.

Will Wait Until Beligerents Ask for Help.

Paris, Jan. 3.—The view prevails in the highest government quarters that mediation is not likely to result on account of the surrender of Port Arthur.

Officials say the chancelleries at London, Paris, Berlin and Washington substantially agreed on the same principle, namely, that mediation is practical only when one party asks for it.

Reports that the Japanese occupation of Port Arthur will constitute a menace to Europe is not shared in official quarters here.

No Armistice.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 3.—A report which is being circulated in St. Petersburg to the effect that an armistice is assured before the end of the week has been confirmed in official circles.

Just as Usual.

Budapest Jan. 3.—The Hungarian parliament died hard. Its expiring struggles today continued for nearly three hours and came to an end amid scenes of disorder and jeers from the opposition.

HAS LEPROSY.

Prisoner in Seattle Stricken by the Dread Disease.

Seattle Jan. 3.—Arthur McClellan, a negro prisoner confined in the jail in

this city, was found today with a number of peculiar looking sores on his arms, neck and breast. The city physician diagnosed his case as leprosy. Several other doctors who have examined him are undecided as to what is the matter with the negro.

Evacuation Thursday.

Headquarters Japanese Army, Port Arthur, Jan. 3.—Ise, Anise and Tayangkow forts were taken over by the Japanese at noon today. The date the Russian prisoners of war will be marched out is delayed until Thursday.

Adria Sails.

Newport News, Va., Jan. 3.—The steamship Adria sailed from Hamburg today with two submarine boats said to be consigned to the Russian government. Delay in the ship's sailing was occasioned by an agent of the underwriters, who insisted that the submarines be more securely fastened on the decks.

Nan Wants Bail.

New York, Jan. 3.—A determined effort to secure the release on bail of Nan Patterson was begun today. A representative of the law firm which acted for Miss Patterson in her cent trial, appeared in the supreme court and succeeded in getting a writ of habeas corpus. The justice will be asked to fix a reasonable bail for the prisoner's release. District Attorney Jerome has announced that the motion for bail will be opposed.

Quiet at Mukden.

Kuroki's Headquarters, Jan. 3.—The Russian fire against the Japanese trenches has almost ceased in the past two days. Whether this is due to news from Port Arthur is not known.

## PUTERS SIDE TOLD

Says That Mitchell Got the Two Thousand.

CLAIMS MONEY WAS ONLY FEE

Says He Was Desperate When He Ask the Senator to Use His Influence With Hermann to Pass Fraudulent Claims.

Portland, Jan. 3.—In an interview today S. A. D. Puter made the following statement regarding Senator Mitchell's connection with the land fraud cases:

"When I said that I gave Senator Mitchell \$2000 to use his influence with Binger Hermann to expedite those land claims in 11-7 I told the truth and Senator Mitchell knows it. According to Mitchell's statement I am a man who would deliberately perjure a man's liberty away. I will say that a man who would willingly go on a witness stand and perjure himself to rob another man of his liberty is deserving of and ought to receive the severest kind of punishment."

"I gave Senator Mitchell \$200 to get those patents through, and I will say that I never regretted telling anything so much in my life as the fact that Mitchell took that money. I never told a living soul in my life before I gave the details to Mr. Heney. I never told it to McKinley or Tarpley, my partners in these deals. I kept an entry book in which I made entries of every cent spent in connection with getting these lands to patent. All the costs of filing were entered, as well as railroad fares, etc. The only entry I made of this money given to Mitchell was '\$2000 cap'tl'. McKinley may have had an idea of his own as to where the money went, but I never told him."

"Mitchell had no intimation from me as to the fraudulent character of the entries to this land. I never so much as intimated it to him. But when Hermann gave me to understand that the land was down and out and that the matter would have to be referred back to the Oregon City land office I went to Senator Mitchell and told him that these patents would have to go through, for the reason that if they were referred back to the original office the whole thing would be lost. I told him that the entries were scattered and that it would be impossible to get them together again."

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## TRIPLE DEATH

Deed of Insanely Jealous Husband.

HE GAVE NO WARNING

Grim Christmas Present For the Man He Thought False.

DIED WITH WIFE IN HIS ARMS

Henry Loomis Shoots His Wife and the Man He Thought Her Lover and Then Cuts His Throat With a Razor at Portland.

Portland, Jan. 3.—Enraged by jealousy of Frank Dunne, whom he believed had alienated his wife's affections, Henry H. Loomis today killed Dunne and Mrs. Loomis and then committed suicide.

Loomis, who conducted an oyster house in East Portland, was taken ill some weeks ago and was forced to go to a hospital. During his illness Loomis placed Dunne in charge of his place. When Loomis recovered he became jealous of Dunne and collected evidence of what he believed was an infatuation of Mrs. Loomis for Dunne.

Today Loomis secured a revolver and hung around all day waiting for Dunne and finally met him at the corner of east Davis street and Union avenue. Loomis saluted Dunne with the statement: "Here's a Christmas present for you," at the same time drawing his revolver and commencing to shoot. Loomis fired three times, one bullet hitting Dunne in the head and killing him.

Loomis then ran a few blocks to his own home, where he found his wife. Without a word of warning he shot twice at the woman, hitting her once in the right breast and one in the left breast, either wound being fatal. The woman ran into the living room where she fell dead. The murderer then placed the revolver to his nose and fired the remaining charge, but the bullet merely grazed his skin. He then rushed into the bed room, seized a razor and, after cutting his throat from ear to ear, he went back to the room where his wife lay and, placing himself on the floor beside her, he took her dead body in his arms and bled to death.

BRUTAL FANATIC.

Lets His Wife Die in Filthy Surroundings.

Seattle, Jan. 3.—Coroner Hoyer has issued a warrant for the arrest of B. B. Buxton, who is charged with criminal negligence in allowing his wife to die in filthy surroundings and without medical attention. The warrant was issued immediately after the coroner's jury held Buxton responsible for the death of his wife. Mrs. Buxton died in an old tent last Thursday. She had been ill for several weeks, and although several charity societies made every effort to assist her, Buxton refused to allow physicians to examine or prescribe for his wife.

Buxton is mentally unbalanced on the subject of religion. He swore that God had commanded him to keep all doctors away from his wife; that it was his desire that she should die. In time the unfortunate man said that she would return to him. Shortly after she had passed away Buxton cut off all her hair and shaved the beard off his own face. That also was a command, he said.

MACHINE MEN'S WOE.

Agents Form a Combine for Mutual Protection.

New York, Jan. 3.—Sewing machine agents to the number of 200 have started to inaugurate a strike here.

Nothing of the kind has ever occurred before in the profession and no union had been thought necessary.

Recently the agents determined that their grievances were in need of adjustment and called a meeting which re-

sulted in the call for a strike. They demand the restoration of commissions recently abolished and readjustment of the system whereby they are held liable to the company when dishonest purchasers who buy machines on the installment plan, and then leave for parts unknown with the machines only partly paid for.

Liner Aground.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 3.—The liner Tacoma, which cleared today, ran hard aground on a sand bar off Westport, eight miles north of Seattle, this afternoon. She is lying on an easy keel and will be pulled off at high tide tomorrow.

The steamer was in charge of the first officer when the accident happened. He reports as fishing schooner tacked across the bows of the Tacoma, throwing the vessel out of her course. When he attempted to put back the steering gear fouled and the liner ran her nose into the sand before she stopped.

KNOX ELECTED.

Republican Majority Was 204 on Joint Ballot.

Harrisburg, Pa., Jan. 3.—The Pennsylvania legislature was organized today. Formal nominations of candidates for United States senator were made and the governor's message read.

For senator Philander C. Knox was nominated by the republicans and James K. P. Hall by the democrats. The republicans had a majority of 204 on the joint ballot.

Chadwick's Bond Reduced.

Cleveland, Jan. 3.—Dr. Chadwick's bond was reduced today from \$10,000 to \$5000.

## GOLD FOR JAPANESE

New Method of Transporting the Specie.

DID NOT ATTRACT ATTENTION

Engaged as a Shipment for Europe and So Reported, Then It Is Shipped to Seattle Over the Northern Route to Japan.

New York, Jan. 3.—A shipment of \$5,000,000 in gold was recently made from this city to Japan, according to the Times. The transaction was so secretly managed that news of it did not leak out until the gold had reached its destination in safety.

The shipment was not made in the usual way, through the medium of the subtreasury here and at San Francisco.

Although this is the cheapest method of transferring funds, it was not the desire of the shippers to attract general attention, so the gold was engaged ostensibly for shipment to Europe. It was taken in the custody of a heavily armed guard aboard express cars over the northern route to Seattle, where it was put aboard a steamer for Tokio. The gold is understood to have been part of the proceeds of the sale of Japanese bonds the second series of which was recently offered for subscription.

FOR MOTHER'S SAKE.

Exceptional Attraction for Next Friday Night.

"For Mother's Sake," a unique story of New England life and a companion piece to "Shore Acres," will be the bill at Fisher's next Friday night. The company consists of well known artists and are the best equipped of any in America. Its success is unequalled in the annals of theatrical history. The characters are real men, women and children drawn from life. They stir your emotions, appeal to your feelings, make you laugh, start the tears and excite your admiration. Pictures of way down east of innate realism. "For Mother's Sake" is an original play unlike anything ever seen before. The plot, theme and leading characters are new to the stage. It abounds in the richest vein of American wit, humor and quaint rural characters. The play you don't want to miss. No sweeter story ever told. Prices—Reserved seats 50c; gallery 25c. Seat sale opens Thursday morning at Griffin's book store.